Castro's Threat

HAVANA—A Cuban government official, speaking privately to the Associated Press's Daniel Harker, said the West is not placing enough importance on Premier Castro's threat to order U.S. reconnaissance planes shot down unless peaceful means are found to halt their flights over Cuba.

He said the U.S. does not realize "that Cuban-American relations are headed for a crisis worse even than October 1962" referring to the Soviet missile crisis. Castro said last week that Cuban forces now control Soviet made surface-to-air missiles on the island and would use them.